



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ozaki et al.

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For: DIAGNOSTIC DRUGS FOR AUTO
IMMUNE DISEASES

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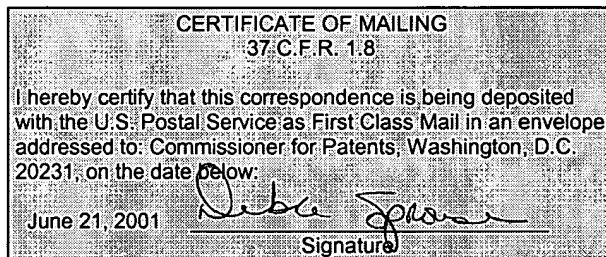
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

--14. (Added) A diagnostic drug for detecting an antibody of autoimmune diseases, wherein:

the drug comprises:

a polypeptide selected from an HMG-1 family;

a polypeptide selected from an HMG-2 family;

a fragment of a polypeptide selected from an HMG-1 family; or

a fragment of a polypeptide selected from an HMG-2 family;

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